

Families First in Numbers

Updated with Information from October 2003

Current number of Assistance Groups: 73,871

Current number of adults: 57,309

Current number of children: 139,422

Assistance Groups prior to Families First (August, 1996): 91,499

Current number of child only cases: 17,986

Closures in October:

total closures: 3,963

closures for 18 month time limits: 117

closures for sanctions: 569

work-related sanctions: 553

other sanctions: 16

closures for employment: 1209

Time limit closures since Families First started: 8,669

Current number of Assistance Groups with a working adult: 10,905

Average monthly wage of employed participants: \$649.30

Average monthly cash benefit for participating families: \$170.47

Re-entry rate of Families First participants: 32.8% of cases which close re-enter the program (after an absence of more than two months) at some point during the next 55 months.

The number of families served by the program between September 1996 and now exceeds 200,000.